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SUBJ: GATT GROUP OF 18

1. GATT DG LONG HELD MEETING LOCAL REPS G-18 COUNTRIES FEB 18 TO RUN OVER AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK'S G-18 MEETING. AT CANADIAN REQUEST, AGENDA MODIFIED SO THAT "TRADE MEASURE TAKEN FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PURPOSES" WILL BE TAKEN UP BEFORE "THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF GATT".

2. UNITED STATES DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF US PAPER ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. GATT SECRETARIAT IS TRANSLATING PAPER INTO OTHER OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND IT WILL BE ON TABLE AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT BY MEETING TIME.

3. DISCUSSIO OF AGENDA TOPICS AS SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT CG. 18/W/2 PROVOKED LITTLE DISCUSSION. EC (LUYTEN) DID INDICATE THEIR VIEW THAT LIST OF
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TOPICS SET FORTH UNDER BOP ITEM WAS NOT NECESSARILY BEST ONE, FOR EXAMPLE, IT DID NOT EVEN MENTION

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4. CONCERNING QUESTION GATT/IMF COOPERATION, LONG INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE DISCUSSION OF RELATIVE ROLES OF GATT AND IMF CONCERNING TRADE MEASURES TAKEN FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS. HE INDICATED IMF IS CURRENTLY GETTING RATHER DEEPLY INTO FIELD OF TRADE MEASURES AND IN SOME CASES EVEN PRESCRIBING WHICH KIND OF TRADE MEASURES COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TAKING IN BOP CRISIS SITUATIONS. HE SAID HE NOT SUGGESTING THAT IMF TRYING TO SHUT OUT GATT OR COMMERCIAL POLICY OFFICIALS--THAT IT HAD IN FACT ASKED FOR VIEWS AND COOPERATION FROM GATT. ACCORDINGLY, LONG FELT IT IMPORTANT TO GET GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT. JAPAN (AMBASSADOR TSURUMI) EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT IMF ACTUALLY GETTING INTO TRADE ISSUES IN SUCH DETAIL.

5. G-18 SOCIAL SCHEDULE. SCANDINAVIAN REP TO G-18 (YRJO-KOSKINEN, FINLAND) WILL BE HOSTING DINNER FOR G-18 PARTICIPANTS FEB 23. WE RESPONDED WE ASSUME YEUTTER WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. HAVE DONE LIKEWISE RE SWISS DINNER FEB 24. YEUTTER/BRUNGART WILL HOST DINNER FEB 25. DALE

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